

**Agenda Item**  
**January 16, 2007 Land Board Meeting**

**Transfer of the Chinook Armory – §77-2-351, MCA**

**Proposal:**

Under authority of §77-2-351, MCA, the Montana Department of Military Affairs (DMA) proposes to transfer the old Chinook Armory property to the City of Chinook (City) for City services which qualify as a public purpose.

**Background:**

The City deeded 0.488 acres to The State of Montana in 1948 for the construction of a military garage (4,125 sq. ft.) for the Chinook Unit of the National Guard, which is currently being used for storage. There are newer facilities in Chinook that are being used by DMA and there is no longer a need for this facility.

**Process:**

An EA Checklist has been completed with a finding of no significant impact by categorical exclusion; consultation with the Senate State Administration Committee is on January 5, 2007; and DNRC will publish a Public Notice in an area newspaper with the details of the transfer, allowing 60 days for public comment. In the event of significant opposition to the transfer, DMA will bring this issue back to the Board with those comments for further review. Otherwise, the transfer will be consummated within 30 to 60 days of the closing of the public comment period.

**Agency Recommendation:**

DMA requests final approval from the Board to initiate the transfer of this property to the City of Chinook to be used for City services which fulfills the requirement of §77-2-351, MCA, that the transfer be for a community benefit and a public purpose.



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